

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

FRANKLIN, SS

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

**Pioneer Valley Regional School**  
**97 F. Sumner Turner Road**

in said Town on Monday, February 25, 2013 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), then and there to act on the following:

**Article 1. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Article 2. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the undesignated fund balance to the Police Wages and Salaries account for the purpose of funding the contract between the Town of Northfield and the New England Police Benevolent Association for the current fiscal year.

*Estimated amount requested: \$6,000*

**Article 3. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 17 of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting by inserting "or replacing" after "repairing", and inserting after "or replacing the shed", "and other Town Hall work", to read:

"That the Town raise and appropriate \$18,500 for necessary repairs to Town Hall, including replacing windows in the Town Hall auditorium (Assembly Room); replacing the boiler room door; raising and replacing the main back entrance; and repairing or replacing the shed, and other Town Hall work."

or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 4. (Submitted by the Planning Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$644.38 from the undesignated fund balance to the Planning Board account for the purpose of paying a bill or bills for Planning Board hearing advertisements from FY 2012.

**Article 5. (Submitted by the Cemetery Commissioner)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from the undesignated fund balance to the Cemetery Wages and Expense account or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for paying for work done on the Town's cemeteries and to complete any necessary work during Fiscal Year 2013.

*Estimated amount requested: \$9,000*

**Article 6. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the undesignated fund balance to the Machinery Maintenance Account of the Highway Department a sum or sums of money for paying a bill to replace a Highway Department plow.

*Estimated amount requested: \$5,100*

**Article 7. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7500 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the EMS Enterprise Fund for the purpose of paying a 5% match, if an Assistance to Firefighters Grant is awarded.

**Article 8. (Submitted by the Selectboard)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from the 2011 Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions (Overlay) Account to the following accounts: 2007 Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions, \$1,708.27; 2008 Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions, \$488.11; 2009 Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions, \$15,041.86.

**Article 9. (Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$16,000 from the Community Preservation Fund's undesignated fund balance, for the purpose of preserving and stabilizing the west portion of the historic First Parish building, pursuant to a grant agreement to be entered into with said First Parish, which agreement shall require said building to be subject to a historic preservation restriction for a term of years and set forth the other terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; and, further, to authorize the Selectboard to acquire said restriction, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

**Article 10. (Submitted by the Recreation Commission)**

To see if town will allow a special vote at the Annual Town Meeting by bringing 3 town flag proposals gathered by the Recreation Commission on a town wide basis. One vote cast by each citizen out of the three submitted choices in which top vote is given as the selection of Northfield's official town flag to be representative of the town.

**Article 11. (Submitted by citizen petition)**

To see if the Town Meeting will establish a Study Committee to investigate and report within 90 days, with or without final recommendations, regarding the government structure and management of the Town, including but not limited to the questions:

- What is the optimal size for the Northfield Select Board?
- What level of professional support will best allow the Select Board to carry out its duties?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall; the U.S. Post Office in Northfield; the Dickinson Memorial Library; the Field Library, Northfield Farms and the VFW, West Northfield, in said Town fourteen days at least before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.